

What is a biometric screening?

A biometric screening is a combination of measurements and readings about certain health factors that may be helpful in identifying potential risk factors for chronic disease or conditions, like heart disease, hypertension or diabetes.

What can I expect during my biometric screening appointment?

The dietitian will collect several body measurements. They will collect a blood sample from a finger prick that will be used to determine your cholesterol levels, triglycerides and glucose levels. They will also take resting blood pressure; measurements of heights weight and waist; and body mass index.

All information is kept confidential and complies with the requirements of HIPPA. The entire screening process typically lasts 15-20 minutes and you will receive all your results during this appointment. The dietitian will review the results of your screening during your appointment.

The purpose of the results review is not to provide a diagnosis or specific medical advice. Please consult a medical professional for individual advice.

Preparation for your screening

- You must fast for 9 to 12 hours prior to the screening time. This means no food or beverages, including caffeinated beverages, other than water. If you do not fast, your test results will not be accurate.
- Drink plenty of water
- Continue to take any medications prescribed by your physician the day of the screening. If food is required with the medication, choose a healthy lower-sodium, lower-fat, and lower-sugar snack.
- If you are diabetic, pregnant or have a medical issue, check with your physician before fasting.
- Avoid smoking and bathing for 30 minutes prior to testing.
- Wear loose-fitting sleeve or be prepare to remove clothing with bulky sleeves
- Please do not use any lotions on your hands or glycerin soaps

For the most accurate body fat testing please plan accordingly.

- If you are a pregnant woman and/or have a pacemakers or defibrillator, you SHOULD NOT be tested
- Nothing to eat or drink for at least 30 minutes prior to your appointment
- No exercise for at least 12 hours before your appointment
- No ingestion of diuretics (this includes caffeine), unless prescribed by a physician
- Abstain from alcohol for at least 48 hours before your appointment